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Title : DEVICE FOR ANALYZING IMMUNOASSAYSFiled : August 24, 2000  
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Customer No. : 26694Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. ~~A Notice of Appeal is being submitted herewith along with a request for a~~  
~~Three (3) Month Extension of Time.~~ The Application is amended as follows:

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3/7/05**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.**Remarks** begin on page 8.

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